

Workingmen's Houses,  
784 Dodge Street  
Dubuque  
Dubuque County  
Iowa

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HISTORICAL AND DESCRIPTIVE DATA**

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Site Location: 784 Dodge Street  
Dubuque, Dubuque County, Iowa  
DOT designation: Resource Site No. 3.9  
Cadastral grid: NW1/4 SE1/4 S25 T89N R2E  
USGS quadrangle: Dubuque South Iowa 7.5'  
UTM coordinates: 15.691465.4706720  
Lot dimensions: 39.2' x 150': .13 acre  
Lot description: Lot 1 of Lot 2 of North 150' of  
Lot D of Cooper's Subdivision  
of Out Lot 727

Present Owner: David J. and Betty A. Buelow  
Present Usage: single family residence  
Present Condition: good

Overall Dimensions: 2-story main block: 16' x 24'; 1-story side addition:  
12' x 12'.

Orientation: northwest

Architectural Description: Plan type: 2-story rectangle with 1-story side addition.  
Foundation: parged limestone rubble perimeter walls.  
Structure: wood frame  
Ext. walls: aluminum siding installed over permastone and wood beveled siding.

Roofs: moderately pitched end gable over 2-story main block and side gable over side addition; 3-tab asphalt shingles throughout.

Chimneys: one brick exterior chimney on side wall of main block.

Dormers: none

Openings: 1/1 wood double-hung windows with aluminum storms throughout, with 9-light fixed-sash picture window on first floor front; single-leaf front door on side of main block; plain casings and slip sills.

Porches: front porch on front of side addition removed.

Details: plainly boxed cornices; other details (if any) obscured or removed by installation of permastone and aluminum siding on exterior walls.

Construction Date: 1891

Architecture Style: Gable ended box

Physical History: Dubuque capitalist A.A. Cooper platted a residential subdivision known as Cooper's Addition along lower Dodge Street in 1852. A day

later he sold Lot D of the development to grain dealer James Rowan. Since that time the land has been further subdivided at least twice. In 1878 Rowan sold the north 150' of Lot D to Ellen T. Ahern for \$110. Ahern sold the property in 1890 to Patrick Clancy, owner of the Clancy Transfer Company and a minor Dubuque politician. Clancy immediately subdivided the land into three smaller lots, sold Lot 1 to Adam Berg [HABS No. IA-159-AX], built a house on Lot 2 of Lot 2 for his son Matthew [HABS No. IA-159-AZ] and apparently built this house on Lot 1 of Lot 2, also turning it over to Matthew, presumably as a rental property. Matthew sold both halves of Lot 2 in 1901 to Julius Goodhouse, who in turn sold this house in 1903 to John B. Latz for \$650. Between 1903 and 1932 this property changed hands three more times. The building has undergone several major alterations and additions over time, the most recent of which are the removal of the front porch and installation of aluminum siding over the exterior walls in 1978.

**Significance:** Though altered, this house is representative of the gable-ended dwellings built along lower Dodge Street for the working class in the 1870s and 1880s.

**References:** Dubuque City Directories: 1857 - 1970.  
Sanborn Insurance Maps: 1879, 1884, 1891, 1909, 1972.  
Dubuque County Assessment Record: 3-24-5-38.  
Dubuque City Building Permit Record: 784 Dodge Street.  
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Transportation, Ames Iowa).

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